

What's New in the MPDC

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CHIEF RAMSEY ANNOUNCES TWO COMMAND STAFF PROMOTIONS

Chief Ramsey this week promoted new assistant chiefs for the Central Regional Operations Command (ROC) and the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). The promotions were made after ROC-Central Assistant Chief William McManus was selected to be the next police chief in Dayton, Ohio. Replacing McManus at ROC-Central is Assistant Chief Brian Jordan, formerly the assistant chief in charge of OPR. Jordan is an 18-year veteran of the MPDC who previously commanded the Criminal Investigations Division, the Special Services Command and, since January 2000, OPR. ROC-Central includes the First, Third and Fifth Police Districts. Assuming the position of director of the Office of Professional Responsibility is Assistant Chief Kim Dine. Dine has 26 years with the MPDC, having served as inspector in charge of OPR in 1998, prior to being named commander of 1D in September of that year. OPR is the unit that investigates allegations of police misconduct and use-of-force incidents. Chief Ramsey announced that Captain Alan Dreher will serve as acting commander of 1D. Assistant Chief McManus is assigned to the Office of the Executive Assistant Chief pending his move to Dayton in early January. Read the news releases on the promotions at:

A detailed directory of MPDC units and commanding officers is available at:

mpdc.dc.gov/about/contact/telephonedir.shtml

mpdc.dc.gov (Click on News)

CRIME INCHES UP IN SEPTEMBER; STILL DOWN FOR THE YEAR

While crime levels in DC declined sharply in the days immediately following the September 11 terrorist attacks, preliminary figures for the entire month show that reported crime rose slightly in September. Comparing preliminary data for September 2001 with the same month last year reveals a 2.9 percent increase in the eight offenses that make up the Crime Index. The September jump was driven by substantial increases in stolen autos, homicides and burglaries. Aggravated assaults, thefts and sexual assaults declined in September. Year-to-date, crime in DC is still down 2.3 percent, with decreases in six of the eight crime categories, including a 21 percent reduction in homicides. Robbery and auto theft are the only two crimes experiencing an increase for the year, according to preliminary data. Preliminary crime totals for September and year-to-date are available for each of the seven police districts and citywide at:

The MPDC recommends a "layered approach" to preventing auto theft. Learn more at:

mpdc.dc.gov/info/traffic/autolayer.shtml

mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/crstats.shtml

1D OFFICER NAMED "OFFICER FO THE MONTH" DURING OCTOBER "CHAMPS" CEREMONY

When police received the call of a possible "jumper" from an unspecified bridge over I-395 near the Third Street Tunnel, acting 1D Sergeant Ken Roden immediately directed units to check all bridges and overpasses in the area. Roden himself responded to the overpass at the 200 block of Massachusetts Avenue, where he observed an individual clinging to the railing with his body hanging on the freeway side of the overpass wall. Roden instructed the responding units to strategically restrict traffic to the overpass, and he requested the Emergency Response Team.

Realizing that time was of the essence, Roden parked his cruiser at the end of the overpass to lessen the chances of the subject observing it, and calmly approached the subject. After a few tense moments, Roden convinced the man to return to the sidewalk and was able to calm him until other units arrived. For heroic, life-saving response to a possible suicide, Officer Ken Roden was honored as the Department-wide Officer of the Month during the monthly CHAMPS awards ceremony for October. Read more about Roden's heroics, and the outstanding work of the other CHAMPS awardees, by clicking on:

mpdc.dc.gov/about/heroes/champs/2001/10.shtm

*Four public safety partnerships spearheaded by the MPDC are among the recipients of this year's "Spirit of Neighborhood Action" awards, honored recently by Mayor Williams for their efforts in tackling tough problems in the community. See the news release at:
mpdc.dc.gov (Click on News)*

MPDC SEEKS TIPS ON SEVERAL HOMICIDES

While the homicide rate in DC continues to be substantially lower than last year's total, detectives in the Fifth District and other units citywide are seeking the public's help in solving several homicides that have occurred since the beginning of the month. The MPDC offers a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any unsolved homicide committed in the District of Columbia. To view information about recent homicides in DC, visit the MPDC "News Room" at:

*In the ongoing battle against terrorism, the FBI this past week released a list and photos of its 22 "Most Wanted Terrorists." View this information at:
www.fbi.gov/mostwant/terrorists/fugitives.htm*

mpdc.dc.gov/news/news.asp

In addition to the \$10,000 reward in homicide cases, the DC Crime Solvers program provides rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest and indictment in a serious crime committed in DC. To provide an anonymous tip to Crime Solvers, call 1-800-673-2777. To view some of DC's "Most Wanted," visit the Crime Solvers page at:

mpdc.dc.gov/serv/solvers/solvers.shtm

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kevin.morison@dc.gov.

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